

REMARKS

Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1-32 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 6, 9, and 18 are the independent claims. No claims have been amended.

Initially, Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication that claims 9-32 are allowed. Applicant has not amended any of claims 9-32. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claims 9-32 should remain allowed.

Claims 1-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0093599 (Lou et al.). All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 1 recites features of a display method, in which a plurality of universal serial bus (USB) systems share one display device, and USB devices, connected to the display device, and USB devices, connected to the plurality of USB systems, are shared, including inter alia, providing a predetermined sharing menu, with sharing menu items, to select a USB device to be shared and selecting a second predetermined USB system to connect to the selected USB device, while output of a first predetermined USB system, among the plurality of USB systems, is transmitted to the display device.

Independent claim 6 recites features of a display apparatus, in which in a plurality of universal serial bus (USB) systems sharing one display device are included, and USB devices connected to the display device and USB devices connected to the plurality of USB systems are shared, including, inter alia, a relay unit included in the display device, which relay box selects to share the USB device being used in the USB system with a second predetermined USB system, while output of a first predetermined USB system, among the plurality of USB systems is transmitted to the display device.

However, Applicant respectfully submits that Lou does not teach at least the aforementioned features of independent claims 1 and 6.

Lou relates to a signal switch for console and peripheral devices and discusses an arrangement including a computer system 12 having respective first and second computers 121 and 12, a display device 10, and plural USB compatible peripherals 20. The relay box permits a user to control the computers and the USB compatible peripherals with a monitor 14 connected to the relay box, a first mouse 18, and a first mouse 18. (Lou, paragraph [0026]). The Office Action contends that the first and second computers are USB systems (Office Action, page 2)

and that the first keyboard, first mouse, the USB compatible peripherals, a first printer 22, and a hub 242 are connected to these alleged USB systems (Office Action, page 3). The latter contention is respectfully traversed.

As FIGS. 1 and 4 of Lou illustrate, none of the first keyboard, first mouse, the USB compatible peripherals, the first printer, or the hub are connected to either of the first or second computers. Thus, the Office Action's contention is traversed. Further, the absence of USB devices connected to the plurality of alleged USB systems results in the impossibility of Lou teaching the aforementioned features of independent claims 1 and 6.

Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of independent claims 1 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the independent claims patentably define the present invention over the citations of record. Further, the dependent claims should also be allowable for the same reasons as their respective base claims and further due to the additional features that they recite. Separate and individual consideration of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

Applicant submits that this Request clearly places the subject application in condition for allowance. This Amendment was not earlier presented because Applicants believed that the prior Amendment placed the subject application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, entry of the instant Amendment as an earnest attempt to advance prosecution and reduce the number of issues is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

Applicant believes that the present Request is responsive to each of the points raised by the Examiner in the Official Action. However, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to such matters.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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